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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors Sellersburg, Indiana's Metal Sales Manufacturing Corporation with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN April 9, 2008** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Sellersburg, Indiana's Metal Sales Manufacturing Corporation in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP).

INSHARP, one of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. Based on benchmarks for advancement and development of safety and health programs within the workplace, INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

Metal Sales Manufacturing Corporation manufactures metal building components to meet the needs of the agricultural, commercial, industrial and residential market. The corporation transforms more than 33 million pounds of steel a month into its finished product line. "INSHARP recognition highlights Metal Sales' knowledge, understanding and application of effective worker safety and health management. The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to present this award to and partner with Metal Sales for continued employee safety and health excellence," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in Sellersburg, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Metal Sales Manufacturing employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

To be eligible for participation in INSHARP, a company must have a Days Away Restricted and Transferred (DART) and Total Recordable Case (TRC) Rate lower than the national average for their respective industry. In 2005, Metal Sales respective rates were 8.9 and 32.7, well above that of the national average. However in 2006, the company's respective rates were 1.9 and 3.8, which represents a reduction in the DART of 79 percent and a reduction in the TRC of 88 percent. The company's current DART rate is 60 percent lower than the national average and corresponding TRC is 57.8 percent lower than the national average. "This is an incredible achievement, one that Metal Sales should be proud of showcasing," added Torres.

Metal Sales Manufacturing Corporation operates 19 sites nation-wide. The Sellersburg, Indiana location is the company's first site to be inducted into INSHARP.

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